



Bachelor of Laws (Hons)

Level 8, 180 ECTS

Programme Handbook

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Foreword

Welcome to DBS where we will help you realise your ambition. We have an international reputation for high quality teaching and learning and our intention is to do everything we can do to support you during your time with us.

Dublin Business School (DBS) is Ireland's largest independently owned, third level institution. We have campuses in Dublin's city centre and nationalities from over ninety-five countries participate in a bustling and thriving student life.

We offer programmes across a range of disciplines from business to data science and business analytics, marketing to psychology and psychotherapy, from accounting and finance through law, arts, and creative media. We are committed to enabling strong academic outcomes through employer-led programmes and delivering an out-standing student experience.

The information contained in this handbook is crucial to your learning. It provides important information on your programme, your assessments, and the key individuals you will meet. For these reasons we want you to constantly read and refer to this handbook and use it as a key information source during your time with us.

We are dedicated to ensuring that you have a rewarding and fulfilling experience while studying at DBS and through your programme of study, you begin to realise your ambitions and your career goals.

Good luck on your journey!

Tony

Dr Tony Murphy

Academic Dean

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Section 1 Programme Information

Welcome Message from the Academic Director

Hello and a very warm welcome to Dublin Business School. My name is Rita Day, and I am the Academic Director for your law programme.

You have made the right choice in deciding to study at Dublin Business School. We are Ireland's largest independent third-level institution, offering a range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and professional programmes in Business, Arts and Law. Your choice to study law will enhance your personal, academic, and professional development.

DBS has built on a reputation of "Excellence through Learning," and we pride ourselves on our ability to design and deliver programmes which are academically rigorous and innovative whilst ensuring they meet the demands of an ever-changing global business community. All faculty members are experienced tutors who are specialists in their chosen field. As well as being highly qualified academically, they also bring a wealth of industry experience to the classroom. Our tutors have legal expertise, and this feeds directly into your learning experience.

I look after the undergraduate programmes which include the Bachelor of Laws (Hons), BA (Hons) in Business and the postgraduate programmes, the MBA, and the MSc in Management Practice. I work closely with your Programme Coordinator and your lecturers. Some examples of areas that I can assist with include:

- Academic planning and choices
- Navigating Moodle
- Assignments and Examinations
- Decisions around stream choices.

Your student dashboard is also a one stop shop for accessing your email, timetables and more. I would like to make a note about the DBS email assigned to you, it is important that you correspond with DBS staff using this email only. We will send a number of important communications to this email during your studies. This information and more, is available in your Student Handbook, which can be accessed via students.dbs.ie/academicoperations.

It is appreciated that new students each have particular needs. This handbook is designed to provide you with much of the information you will require in the first few weeks of your programme of study. It will aid your study immensely if you familiarise yourself with the contents of this handbook and keep it somewhere safe. It is to be used in conjunction with the Module and Assessment Guides that you will also receive via Moodle. We hope you enjoy your time with us here in DBS and look forward to helping you during your learning journey. I am here to help you with the academic side of your programme from now until you graduate, and beyond.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on rita.day@dbs.ie if you have any questions.

Best wishes to you all for a great year!

Rita

Dr Rita Day
Academic Director - Business, Law, and Marketing

1.1 Programme Administration

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your programme, or a problem relating to any aspect of your time here at DBS you should contact your Academic Director, your Programme Level Manager or Programme Coordinator. If they cannot tackle the question or problem themselves, they can help you identify the person who can, and they will refer you on to them. Below is short description of the people you will meet on your programme:

- **Academic Director**

The Academic Director has responsibility for ensuring academic quality and standards for learners (particularly in the areas of teaching, learning and assessment). They are the academic lead in the discipline area and are a key contact point for programme team liaison and co-operation. They work to ensure programmes contain high quality teaching and learning and are committed to enabling strong employer-aligned, academic outcomes.

- **Assistant Academic Director**

The Assistant Academic Director has responsibility of working with the Academic Director across all elements of programme development and delivery. They are responsible for overseeing programme team meetings and work to ensure all programmes developed and run are of a high academic standard.

- **Programme Coordinator**

Programme Coordinators provide administrative support on programmes and ensure all learners are provided with full details of their programme of study. They are the first point of contact for learners on a range of issues such as programme queries, deferrals, personal mitigating circumstances (PMCs) that may affect their learning.

- **Programme Level Manager**

The Programme Level Manager role is responsible for a programme level view of teaching, learning and assessment ensuring learners are provided with appropriate support and timely and constructive guidance/feedback for academic development. Programme Level Manager is a direct point of contact for students on the programme.

- **Module Leader**

The Module Leader is the Lecturer responsible for the module. Their primary function is to lecture and assess learners on subjects or modules according to the programme document. Their duties and responsibilities relate to teaching, assessment, and completion of the module. Module leaders work hard to ensure a high-quality teaching and learning experience for all students.

1.2 Main Points of Contact for the programme

Role	Name	E-mail
Programme Coordinator	Ana Dias	academicoperations@dbs.ie
Programme Level Manager	Eimear Long	eimear.long@dbs.ie

Assistant Academic Director	Tanya Zubrzycki	tanya.zubrzycki@dbs.ie
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1.3 Programme Team

In DBS, email addresses for lecturing staff are as follows: firstname.lastname@dbs.ie

This is an indicative list and is subject to change.

Stage	Module	Module Leaders *subject to change
1	Introduction to Legal Research Skills	Eimear Long
1	IT Skills for Law	Jennifer Byrne (Bernie Lydon)
1	Criminal Law	Orlaith Rice
1	Constitutional Law	Clem McGauley
1	Legal Systems	Sharon Sheehan
1	Contract Law	Sharon Sheehan
1	Mooting and Professional Practice	Stephen Boggs (Samuel O'Connor)
2	Law of Tort	Eimear Long
2	European Union Law	Eimear Long
2	Law of Real Property	Daniel Dwyer
2	Company Law	Mike Venn
2	Commercial Law	Sharon Sheehan
2	Contemporary Issues in Law	Eimear Long (Stephen Boggs)
Award	Equity and Trusts	Daniel Dwyer
Award	Administrative Law	Clem McGauley
Award	Jurisprudence	David Ewins
Award	Family Law	Stephen Boggs
Award	Law of Evidence	Tommy O'Donoghue
Award	Employment Law	Maryrose Molloy (Mike Venn)
Award	International Law	Mike Venn (Clem McGauley)

There are also other valuable points of contact and support in DBS such as [Student Services](#), the Student Engagement and Success Unit, [Student Welfare and Support](#), [IT Helpdesk](#) and the award winning [DBS Library](#). Your DBS College Handbook and the [DBS website](#) will contain more information on these and other great DBS services and supports.

Section 2 Programme Details

2.1 Aims of the Programme

The Bachelor of Laws (Hons) programme aims to provide learners with a rigorous legal education. The programme aims to create in learners a critical understanding of foundational legal concepts and principles, and an ability to make connections between them and appreciate the relationship between the various areas of law. It also aims to enhance the practical skills of the learners, such as analysis, research, communication, interpersonal and organisation skills. The content, depth, and breadth of the modules on the programme ensure that learners develop their understanding across the breadth of the core legal areas, along with some more specialised ones, as well as allowing learners to explore certain areas in more detail to allow for full expression of their analytical and reasoning abilities.

The programme also aims to prepare learners for progression to professional legal qualifications in Ireland by requiring students to develop a fundamental understanding of the core Irish legal subjects to facilitate progression to the Law Society of Ireland (Solicitors) or the Honourable Society of King's Inns (Barristers) Examinations. In addition, as the programme attracts learners from England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Nigeria, the programme also aims to provide a solid base for learners seeking to obtain professional legal qualifications in other international jurisdictions.

We recognise that while initially many students will aspire to qualify professionally and engage in private practice, a significant number of our graduates will enter different career pathways. Accordingly, the programme aims to equip students for a range of careers by using teaching and learning techniques that develop their intellectual and transferable skills. These skills strengthen their employability in careers that may be unrelated to the professional practice of law.

Widening access to the benefits derived from a rigorous legal education remains the core justification for the programme. In addition, there is also emphasis on strengthening the transferable skills dimension of the programme in order to enhance the employment opportunities of our graduates.

The programme objectives are to allow learners to:

1. Acquire a solid grounding in legal principles and the fundamental features of the Irish legal system.
2. Gain a fundamental understanding of the core Irish legal subjects.
3. Progress to the professional stage of training in Ireland with the Law Society of Ireland or the Honourable Society of King's Inns, if desired.
4. Develop a range of transferable skills including the powers of inquiry, critical analysis and logical thinking, initiative, independent learning, and commitment to scholarship.
5. Develop a fundamental understanding of the role of law within society.

2.2 Awarding Body and NFQ Level

This programme has been validated and approved by the Irish state agency, QQI. The programme is positioned at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), a framework for the development, recognition, and award of qualifications in Ireland. The programme is listed on the [Irish Register of Qualifications](#).

The Bachelor of Laws (Hons) qualification is approved by King's Inns for the purposes of eligibility to sit the Entrance Examination to the degree of Barrister-at-Law professional course. In order to retain this eligibility, delivery and assessment of the programme may be subject to additional requirements which do not apply to other programmes or to modules which are cross listed with other programmes.

Under QQI, DBS is obliged to carry out reviews and re-submit the programme for re-approval on a cyclical basis. This means that, during your programme of study, there may be changes to programme content or delivery. Where this occurs, transition arrangements are carefully considered to ensure coherence and consistency for learners.

At all times, delivery of the programme must be in compliance with the approved programme and to achieve the recognised award learners must fulfil all assessment criteria.

2.3 Programme Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the programme graduates will be able to:

MIPLO	Award (Level 8)
MIPLO1	Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of legal concepts and principles in all the core areas of law, along with some more specialised areas.
MIPLO2	Formulate critical opinion on the role and application of various legal principles and the need for reform and development.
MIPLO3	Apply legal rules and authorities to situations of limited complexity in order to provide arguable conclusions for concrete problems.
MIPLO4	Analyse information and materials from a variety of different sources.
MIPLO5	Conduct legal research to generate the up-to-date authoritative responses to a range of legal issues.
MIPLO6	Communicate effectively and persuasively legal arguments, insights, and analysis orally, in writing and using information and communication technology.
MIPLO7	Function effectively and on own initiative both independently and in group structures to plan and undertake tasks in various areas of law in both familiar and unfamiliar contexts.
MIPLO8	Utilise feedback and personal reflection to take steps for the improvement of performance, showing awareness of the need for the continued development of skills and competencies.
MIPLO9	Assess the impact, relevance, and necessity of law in a broader societal context.

2.4 Programme Structure

The programme is structured over three years, each year representing a different stage.

Stage label	Stage synopsis
1	Learners commence their studies with a mix of fundamental core legal subject areas, and an introduction to necessary general concepts in Legal Systems. There is also a focus on identifying and introducing important skills that law students will need in both IT Skills for Law and Introduction to Legal Research Skills.
2	Stage 2 builds on what was covered by including a mix of fundamental core legal subject areas, along with the further development of legal and other transferable skills.
Award	Learners study the remaining core areas and also have the opportunity to explore beyond these core modules. They also engage in the development of advanced analytical, critical and interpretive skills through all of the modules and in particular the Contemporary Issues in Law module.

Stage/Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	% Award Weighting
Stage 1 Level 6 (QQI)	B6LW102	Contract Law	10	None
	B6LW104	Constitutional Law	10	
	B6LW100	Criminal Law	10	
	B6LW108	Legal Systems	10	
	B6LW106	Introduction to Legal Research Skills	10	
	B6IS102	IT Skills for Law	10	
	TOTAL CREDITS LEVEL 6		60	
Stage 2 Level 7 (QQI)	B7LW116	Law of Tort	10	20%
	B7LW107	EU Law	10	
	B7LW112	Company Law	10	
	B7LW110	Law of Real Property	10	
	B7LL104	Mooting and Professional Practice	10	
	B7LW114	Commercial Law	10	
	TOTAL CREDITS LEVEL 7		60	
Stage 3 Level 8 (QQI)	B8LW116	Equity and Trusts	10	80%
	B8LW114	Contemporary Issues in Law	10	
	B8LW104	Administrative Law	10	
	Electives (choose 3)			
	B8LW106	Law of Evidence	10	
	B8LW108	Jurisprudence	10	
	B8LW112	Family Law	10	
	B8LW110	Employment Law	10	
	B8LW101	International Law	10	
TOTAL CREDITS LEVEL 8		60		
OVERALL TOTAL CREDITS		180	100%	

2.5 Other Relevant Programme Information

Module Level

Stage label	Module title	ECTS	Module synopsis
1	Introduction to Legal Research Skills	10	This module is designed to provide learners with the necessary skills for studying law. The module will focus on developing the skills required in relation to conducting legal research and presenting the results of that research, as well as introducing the concept and skills behind legal reasoning.
1	IT Skills for Law	10	This module enables learners to develop a knowledge and understanding as to the transformative effect of information technology on the legal world where agile innovation is key to sustainability and growth. In this module, learners will develop practical skills in databases, spreadsheets, and web technologies. Learners will also contextualise the role that computer technologies have played in facilitating the evolution and development of business systems, and the legal and ethical issues that have emerged through this process. In this module, learners will appreciate a variety of legal documents acquiring, merging, and presenting meaningful information from a variety of data sources. In order to stay on top of rapidly evolving technology software and create more agile legal professionals, this module will ensure learners use and understand tools such as Microsoft Office 365 and eDiscovery.
1	Criminal Law	10	This module covers the general principles of Irish criminal law, the main offences against the person and offences against property. It deals with all the core areas required of learners who intend to go into practice. This approach ensures the learner has a practical understanding allied with the understanding of criminal theory. The learner will be expected to read independently. However, there will be constant guidance and support given to the learners in this regard.
1	Constitutional Law	10	This module is designed to provide learners with an understanding of constitutional law. In particular, the module will introduce learners to the Irish Constitution and review the historical developments that led to the enactment of Bunreacht na hÉireann 1937. The primary focus of the module will be on the organs of state, their role, and functions – with a particular emphasis on the doctrine of separation of powers. The issue of fundamental human rights, both enumerated and unenumerated will also be reviewed.
1	Legal Systems	10	This module is designed to provide learners with an overview of the key components and structures of the Irish Legal System. The module will introduce the learner to the sources of law within the Irish legal system. The module will set out the structure of the Courts, including discussion on the reliefs available and the

Stage label	Module title	ECTS	Module synopsis
			appellate jurisdiction of the Courts. The module will also cover vital concepts such as the operation of precedent and the rules of statutory interpretation.
1	Contract Law	10	This module is designed to give learners a clear grounding in the law relating to the creation, enforcement, and discharge of contracts in Ireland.
2	Mooting and Professional Practice	10	The main focus of this module is to give learners a practical opportunity to develop research, legal writing and advocacy skills and introduce them to the relevant ethical principles concerning professional practice. Learners will be given a set of hypothetical facts setting out a legal and ethical dispute. Learners will be required to prepare legal submissions on behalf of their client and orally present their arguments as they would in court. This includes answering any questions that the presiding judge will have and responding to the arguments raised by the other side in their submissions.
2	Law of Tort	10	This module is designed to provide learners with a detailed understanding of the rules and principles relating to the Law of Tort. It focuses on the general principles of tort liability and introduces learners to the concepts, terminology, and policies relevant to the modern Law of Tort. The module also focuses on legal analysis and the application of the Law of Tort to factual scenarios to create persuasive legal arguments.
2	European Union Law	10	This module is designed to equip learners with practical knowledge and understanding of the core principles of European Union law, with particular reference to the role which EU law occupies within the domestic Irish legal system. The module is primarily concerned with the institutional structures of the European Union, and it also examines the key EU policy areas.
2	Law of Real Property	10	This module deals with the law of real property in Ireland and the rights and liabilities arising under it. Learners will be exposed to the common law principles, equitable principles and legislation which rules the various ways property may be held, acquired, and alienated. The various estates, interests and rights which make up ownership will be considered as well as their registration. The use of land as security, rights in or over the land of another will also be considered. This module also discusses succession to the property of deceased persons.
2	Company Law	10	This module is designed to provide the learner with a depth of knowledge and understanding of the fundamental legal principles relevant to the development of commercial life in Ireland where the vast majority of those engaging in the business environment choose to operate, regardless of size, by seeking

Stage label	Module title	ECTS	Module synopsis
			the benefit of limited liability for the purposes of their business activities, be they for profit or not. The module will deliver, examine, and reflect upon the breadth of relevant material from company formation through to winding up and examination through the perspective of on-going reform.
2	Commercial Law	10	This module is designed to provide learners with a rounded understanding of Commercial Law and the leading legal issues influencing the functioning of the commercial environment. Commercial law enables learners to appreciate the plethora of legal issues that impact commercial transactions, including intellectual property, data protection, competition, and insurance related issues. It also facilitates understanding of the obligations imposed upon commercial entities in the context of consumer protection and advertising restrictions. Learners will also be introduced to the use of alternate dispute resolution mechanisms to solve commercial disputes.
Award	Contemporary Issues in Law	10	This module is designed to provide learners with an opportunity to explore and engage with current debates in law in areas beyond the core legal subjects. It will also examine the development and reform of law.
Award	Equity and Trusts	10	This module is designed to give learners a clear understanding of the law relating to trusts and equitable remedies while also providing learners with the skills to critically analyse and apply these legal principles.
Award	Administrative Law	10	This module is designed to provide learners with a firm understanding of the way in which administrative law regulates the organisation, composition, functions, and procedures of public authorities; their impact on the citizen; and the restraints to which they are subject.
Award	Jurisprudence	10	This module examines the main schools of thought in the philosophy of law and the sociology of law.
Award	Family Law	10	This module aims to critically examine the legislative and judicial regulation of the legal relationships within the context of the family as broadly defined.
Award	Law of Evidence	10	This module is designed to equip learners with practical knowledge and understanding of the core principles of the law of evidence, both civil and criminal. The module is broadly concerned with the rules and principles which govern what may be proved in a court of law.
Award	Employment Law	10	The module content involves a comprehensive study of substantive contractual and statutory employment matters in this jurisdiction together with an overview of applicable

Stage label	Module title	ECTS	Module synopsis
			procedures. The module examines the essence of the employment relationship and the consequent legal principles arising from recruitment right through to termination. The module will examine the common law contractual basis of the employment relationship, the influence of EU law and will further go on to examine principal legislative enactments affecting both parties. The regulatory fora relevant to the resolution of disputes will be investigated with emphasis on ongoing reform.
Award	International Law	10	This module is designed to provide learners with an opportunity to be introduced to public international law in its various thematic focuses, to include public international law, international human rights law, and international commercial law.

2.6 Teaching and Learning Strategy for a multi-modal environment

The teaching and learning (T&L) strategy refers to the teaching modes, approaches, and activities that the lecturer will use to help you work toward achieving the learning outcomes for the module.

Examples of T&L modes include:

Mode	Description
In-class	Where the lecturer and all the students are in the class.
Live Online	Where the lecturer and all of the students are online at the same time (Zoom sessions) Here you are online at the same time in a Zoom room or digital communication platform as your lecturer.
Hybrid	Where some of the students are online (Zoom sessions) and some are in the class (In class/onsite) and the lecturer is either in-class or online
Pre-Recorded	Where the lecturer pre-records a session
On Demand	Where the lecturer has prepared teaching content or activities and made it available to you online for you to engage with at your own convenience

Examples of T&L approaches include:

Approach	Description
Lecture	Where the lecturer presents or talks about concepts, ideas, topics, or theories
Tutorial	Where the lecturer and students engage in a discussion
Workshop	Where the lecturer and students engage in activities either collectively or in groups
Lab Demonstrations	Where the lecturer or students demonstrate processes usually on a computer

Examples of T&L activities include:

Activity	Description
Case Study	Students review real-world examples of what they are learning about
Guest Speaker	A practitioner talks about real-world examples of what students are learning about
Group work	Students are divided into groups to work on a particular activity
Peer Review	Students review and comment on other students' work
Peer discussion	Students engage in a discussion about a topic which the lecturer observes and can contribute to
Quizzes	Students work through a series of short questions
Practical Exercises	Students carry out an individual task during the class
Peer Presentations	Students present either individually or as a group to their fellow students
Controlled Debate	Students are divided into groups and argue the merits of a specific stance on a topic usually determined by the lecturer
Reading	Students engage in a reading activity and either write or report back on what they have read
Watching Videos	Students analyse videos and have peer discussions on what they have seen
Peer Pairing	Students are split into pairs. Individually they carry out a task and then swap their work for the other student to review.
Role Play	Students act out a scenario from the real world for the whole group

Typically, a timetabled class will take place in one mode or another, for example through online, in-class, recorded or hybrid mode. Although the on-demand mode can be used on its own or with any of the other modes.

Usually, the lecturer will adopt the same approach for the length of each timetabled class, so your class will be a lecture, a tutorial, a workshop, or a demonstration. However, the lecturer may mix approaches during a class. So, for example, the timetabled class may start with a lecture before moving into the workshop and then finishing with a tutorial approach.

Lecturers can also draw on any of the activities above, and others not mentioned above, during a class whether it is online, hybrid or in-class. However, some activities and approaches are better suited to some modes.

You will find the specific details of which mode applies to which module in your online timetable as well as in your Module and Assessment Guides.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your Programme Administrator or Module Leader.

Section 3 Assessment

3.1 Introduction to Assessment

The purpose of assessment is to ensure that you achieve the learning outcomes of each module. Learning outcomes are statements that specify what you will know or be able to do as a result of a learning activity. Assessment types will include practical, continual assessment, essay, reports, group activities and exams.

It is important that you familiarise yourself with the format and number of assessments, assessment weighting, and due dates. These are published in the Module Guide which is available on [Moodle](#). An Assessment Brief is also published for each individual piece of continuous assessment. This will give details on the format, weighting, and due date, as well as set out what task you are required to complete in the assignment. It also gives the marking scheme for each assignment, and you should use this to guide your completion of the assignment.

All assessments are marked and graded by your lecturer and are reviewed by an internal moderator and the process is overseen by an external examiner. This is to ensure fairness, consistency of marking and the correct standard across all assessments. Results are always provisional until they are approved by the External Examiner and are processed through the programme Exam Board. The purpose of an Exam Board is to formally ratify results and determine award classification (for more information please refer to the [Quality Assurance Handbook](#)).

The assessment overview is below and an assessment schedule will be issued at the start of each academic year. Moodle also syncs with the Student Dashboard to provide a calendar of deadlines. The schedule lists the due dates for all your assessments due over the academic year. The schedule ensures that the workload is balanced across the academic year. Any extension requests need to be considered in light of this schedule, as changes might risk clashing deadlines, so it is very important to be aware of the potential impact of changes to assessment dates. The exam timetable is published on the [exam page](#) in the DBS current student area and is usually available about four weeks in advance of the exam period.

3.2 Assessment Details

The table below highlights the breakdown of formative and summative assessment for this programme. **Exams are required to be held on-site, in-person to confer eligibility for recognition under King's Inns.**

Stage	Module	ECTS	Assessment
1	Introduction to Legal Research Skills	10	<u>Continuous Assessment 100%</u> MCQs on Location and Citation of Sources 20% Assignment on Essay Drafting and Research 40% Group Problem Question Presentation 20% Reflective Journal 20%
1	IT Skills for Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment 100%</u>

Stage	Module	ECTS	Assessment
			Consisting of practical tasks to demonstrate development of appropriate IT skills.
1	Criminal Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 40%</u> Practical Task 15% Problem Question 25% <u>Exam: 60%</u> Final examination 60%
1	Constitutional Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 40%</u> Research Essay 40% <u>Exam: 60%</u> Final examination 60%
1	Legal Systems	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 40%</u> Assignment 20% Group Presentation 20% <u>Exam: 60%</u> Final examination 60%
1	Contract Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment 20%</u> In-class assessment 20% <u>Examination 80%</u> Timed Essay Examination 20% Final Examination 60%
1	Mooting and Professional Practice	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 100%</u> Mooting Submissions – Written 25% Mooting Submissions – Oral 50% Written Reflection on Mooting and Ethics 25%
2	Law of Tort	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 40%</u> Mooting Written Submissions 40% <u>Exam: 60%</u> Final examination 60%
2	European Union Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 10%</u> In seminar assessment 10% <u>Exam: 90%</u> Timed Essay Exam 30% Final Examination 60%
2	Law of Real Property	10	<u>Continuous Assessment 25%</u> In seminar assessment 5% Research Assignment 20% <u>Exam: 75%</u> Final examination 75%
2	Company Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment 25%</u> Research Assignment 25%

Stage	Module	ECTS	Assessment
			<u>Exam: 75%</u> Final examination 75%
2	Commercial Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 100%</u> Group Practical Task 50% Case Study and Presentation 50%
2	Contemporary Issues in Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment 100%</u> Group Presentation 50% Individual Research Essay 50%
Award	Equity and Trusts	10	<u>Exam: 100%</u> Timed Essay Exam 40% Final Examination 60%
Award	Administrative Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 25%</u> Assignment 25% <u>Exam: 75%</u> Final examination 75%
Award	Jurisprudence	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 25%</u> Assignment 25% <u>Exam: 75%</u> Final examination 75%
Award	Family Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 25%</u> Assignment 25% <u>Exam: 75%</u> Final examination
Award	Law of Evidence	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 40%</u> Written Essay 25% Oral Assessment 15% <u>Exam: 60%</u> Final examination 60%
Award	Employment Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment: 25%</u> Group Project 25% Problem Scenario 25% <u>Exam: 50%</u> Final examination 50%
Award	International Law	10	<u>Continuous Assessment 100%</u> Research Essay 80% Oral Presentation 20%

All assessment in this programme conforms to the DBS assessment regulations informed by *QQI Assessment and Standards, Revised 2022*. Special regulations are defined on the programme schedule. Where a learner is found to require additional learning support, the Disability and Inclusion Officer

will identify appropriate support or liaise with the lecturer in conjunction with the Registrar's Office, if necessary, to agree a suitable equivalent alternative assessment instrument. This will be in accordance with the DBS Assessment Regulations. Please refer to DBS Quality Assurance Handbook (QAH) for further details.

Assessment Submission

Your goal is to achieve the highest mark possible in your assessment. In order to do this, it is expected that learners:

- Complete ALL assessment components.
- Submit all assessments on time as indicated on the assessment specification.
- Complete all parts of each assessment.
- NEVER copy/plagiarise or submit content that is not yours by ensuring that you apply the correct referencing standard. DBS Law uses the OSCOLA Referencing style. A guide to this can be found [here](#).
- Always ask your lecturer if you are not sure about any requirements, not your fellow students.
- Always complete the required number of questions in an exam.
- Practice writing out answers for end-of-term exams by doing [previous papers](#), in particular practising handwriting or typing answers (as per the exam format) to ensure that you are equipped to set out your answers within the format of the exam.
- Always write/type your ID number on any assessment or exam script.
- If you require support for exams/assessment, ensure that you have completed the appropriate paperwork and submitted it to the [Learner Supports Service](#) well in advance of any assessment or exam dates.

3.3 Reassessment

Module assessment has been designed to allow you to demonstrate level-appropriate knowledge and skills, often through the lens of application. Continuous Assessments (CAs) assess your knowledge of the theoretical and practical components of the module. Assessment design ensures that weaker and stronger learners can be differentiated by allowing strong learners to display the advanced knowledge they have gained by going beyond lecture materials, and providing evidence of their own relevant in-depth research on a topic.

You, as a learner, must acquire a variety of knowledge and skills both individually and in teams, and demonstrate competence in the disciplines involved. This is designed into the programme with the mix of individual and group work required across the programme as you build towards achieving the Programme Learning Outcomes. Where a learner has not achieved the learning outcomes and needs to be reassessed, an appropriate re-assessment task is determined. It is a requirement that the re-assessment task must provide the learner with an opportunity to demonstrate that they have achieved the module learning outcomes.

3.4 General Submission Requirements

1. All relevant provisions of the Assessment Regulations ([QAH Part B Section 5](#)) must be complied with, in addition to the requirements set out in the Assessment Brief:
 - Students are required to refer to the assessment regulations in the DBS College handbook and in [Part B Section 5 of the Quality Assurance Handbook](#).

2. Assignments should be submitted through the appropriate link on the module Moodle page. Assignments not submitted through Moodle may not be graded.
3. Online assignments must be submitted **no later than the stated deadline:**
 - Late submissions (up to 14 days) will receive the Late Submission penalty (see [QAH Section B Part 5.4](#));
 - After 14 days, late submissions will be awarded **0%**.
4. Extensions to assignment submission deadlines will be not be granted, other than in exceptional circumstances:
 - To apply for an extension please submit an Assignment Extension Request form through [Online Service Desk](#), along with supporting documentation.
 - Ongoing exceptional circumstances can be considered for deferrals. To apply for a deferral, please submit the relevant Personal Mitigating Circumstances form through the [Online Service Desk](#) along with supporting documentation.
5. Students are required to retain a copy of each assignment submitted.
6. Dublin Business School penalises students who engage in Academic Impropriety (i.e. plagiarism, collusion, copying, essay mills, etc.):
 - Refer to the [QAH Part B Section 3.3](#) for further information on Academic Impropriety and the potential penalties;
 - Refer to the [Library](#) for information on correct referencing and support classes.

3.5 Useful links and tips

Door codes for Bow Lane are available at Reception desks.

Once registered, a learner should use the calendar in their student email account for personalised timetables.

- . www.dbs.ie
- . <https://elearning.dbs.ie/> (Moodle)
- . www.mydbs.ie (student email)
- . tts.dbs.ie for generic timetables
- . <https://library.dbs.ie/>
- . Lorls.dbs.ie (to access your reading list online)
- . esource.dbs.ie (repository of student and faculty research)
- . servicedesk.dbs.ie (to log support queries or issues)

If you have any problems with your timetable or require technical support, please log a ticket at servicedesk@dbs.ie.

Section 4 Academic Calendar

The academic calendars can be found on the DBS website:

[DBS Academic Calendars](#)

It shows the term dates, as well as reading weeks, the Christmas break, and the exam session, including the repeat exams.

Section 5 DBS Regulations and Quality Assurance

The previous sections set out the structure and requirements of your programme with regard to modules, content and assessment. It is important that all learners are aware that there are College regulations, frameworks and requirements that all learners must adhere to as part of their study with us. The DBS Quality Assurance Handbook (QAH) sets out all DBS's policies relating to student matters, and this set of policies and procedures has been approved through a process with QQI. The QAH is kept under review and policies may be amended or added to address new and emerging issues.

The Quality Assurance Handbook is on the DBS Student website [here](#) and there is a link to it on every Moodle page under **Quicklinks>Academic Polices & Procedures**.

The QAH is divided into sections to signpost you through it and help to identify the areas you may need to access. A list of the sections is given below. The QAH should be your first port of call if you have a question about College regulations, or require assistance with a matter such as an appeal or complaint, for example.

QAH Table of Contents

- [A.1 Governance](#)
- [A.2 Overarching Policies](#)
- [B.1 Learner Admissions](#)
- [B.2 Learner Supports](#)
- [B.3 Learner Conduct, Appeals and Complaints](#)
- [B.4 Programme Participation](#)
- [B.5 Assessment Regulations](#)
- [B.6 Examination Boards and Award Classifications](#)
- [C.1 Learning and Teaching](#)
- [C.2 Programme Development and Review](#)
- [C.3 Transnational Collaborative and Joint Awards](#)

5.1 Key Assessment Regulations

Quality Assurance Handbook – Key Assessment & Regulations Reminders

LIMITED ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES (QAH B.5.1.3)

Students generally only have FOUR (4) opportunities to complete a module successfully
If you do not use an opportunity, and do not defer the sitting, it still counts as an attempt
Dissertation modules usually only allow TWO (2) opportunities.
Students who Exhaust their opportunities will be Withdrawn from their programme

PMCs (QAH B.4.3)

Personal or medical circumstances which impact a students' ability to complete an assignment or sit an exam.
PMCs must be submitted to your Programme Coordinator within 7 days of the deadline or exam sitting.
PMCs are not automatically approved.
PMCs require supporting evidence where available.

PMC
FORM

LEARNER
SUPPORTS

CAPPED MODULE GRADES (QAH 5.5.3)

A repeat attempt on a module incurs a capped mark of 40% on the overall module mark. The individual components may achieve the full grade, but for Transcripts and Award Calculations, a repeated module will be counted as achieving 40%.

If an Academic Impropriety finding requires a repeat, your Award will be capped at a Pass.

Quality Assurance Handbook (2019)

LATE SUBMISSION PENALTY (QAH B.5.4)

Unless an Assignment Extension has been approved, a penalty will be applied to reduce a grade if an assignment is submitted after the deadline.
Submissions **will not be graded** if these are received more than 2 weeks after the original deadline.

ASSESSMENT EXTENSION
REQUEST FORM

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY (QAH B.3.3)

Academic Impropriety (eg cheating, plagiarism, collusion, ghost-writing) are serious offences, and appropriate penalties will be applied if identified.
Students found to have committed A.I. may be subject to a Fail grade (see No Repeat for Honours) or Withdrawn from the college.
The Library has classes and support guides on Academic Referencing, Urkund, etc.

LIBRARY SUPPORT -
REFERENCING

APPEALS (QAH B.3.5)

Appeal, Verification of Results, and View Script Requests can only be submitted within 7 working days of the release of final results.
Students are advised to refer to the Appeals Policy closely before submitting an Appeal, to understand what is considered Grounds for an Appeal.
Appeals based on disagreement with the academic judgement of the examiner are not considered grounds for an appeal.
Appeals submitted without evidence, or as an incomplete request, will not be investigated and cannot be refunded.

APPEALS, VERIFICATION, VIEW SCRIPTS
POLICIES & FORMS

Section 6 Supporting Student Success

One of DBS's strategic objectives is to support student success and enhance the student experience. We enable student success through high-quality services and support. The College provides academic resources, student services, engagement support and infrastructure to provide an outstanding student experience and enable strong academic outcomes. The Student Experience Team ensures that our students have the best possible College-life experience and promotes a DBS community and culture focused on their wellbeing and success. The Team has received awards to recognise their efforts.

6.1 The Learner Charter

The DBS Learner Charter was revised in early 2022 to reflect the challenges of engagement, defines a number of DBS and learner commitments that will foster a supportive, constructive and positive learning environment for students at DBS. The Learner Charter can be found in [Quality Assurance Handbook, Part B, Section 3.1](#).

Section 7 My Career

7.1 Student Careers

The DBS Careers Team is dedicated to ensuring that you are equipped with the right skills to achieve your career goals upon graduation. The Team constantly asks the following questions:

- What is a work-ready graduate?
- What skills does a work-ready graduate need to succeed?
- How can we equip our students with these skills?

During your time in DBS, you will:

- Be given the opportunity to complete a skills self-assessment quiz at various times during your journey in DBS. This will allow you to judge yourself against the skills employers are looking for in graduates, and by following the advice given improve your score throughout your time at Dublin Business School.
- Be asked to complete a number of online mini-modules which will allow you to self-improve across all of the skills employers require from graduates.
- Understand the individual Careers pathway developed for your programme, by following and fully participating in this pathway you will enhance your Career and employment prospects.
- Listen to weekly podcasts with industry influences and leaders
- Attend weekly Careers workshops which have been specifically developed to equip our students for the modern employment market
- Attend Industry events and get the opportunity to talk to recruiters directly
- Have one-to-one sessions with a Careers Coach, which can include areas such as networking, CV preparation, interview skills, job search and building a successful LinkedIn profile.
- have formal and informal opportunities to improve your scores across defined skills, knowledge and attributes that employers are looking for in Graduates.

The Careers Hub services can be accessed [on DBS website](#). It is based in the Aungier Street DBS building behind Reception, and the team can be contacted by [email](#).

Section 8 My Student Life

8.1 Peer Mentor Programme

The DBS peer mentor programme is designed to give students across DBS the opportunity to represent and mentor students by sharing their stories and experiences of college life. Our mentors act as positive role models throughout the year to their respective groups and are sources of information, from orientation through to the end of the year. The mentors help make coming to DBS a more welcoming, less daunting experience for everyone. As well as arranging informal meetings and social events with their mentees, the team assists with any queries or concerns that new students may have. Throughout the year this team of students is supported by our Student Experience Team with whatever challenges and issues they face. This academic year we will have over 100 peer mentors divided across three areas - a programme based, regional (by nation) based, and year-based mentors. Each of our student mentors is given continuous high-quality training throughout the academic year to ensure they are fully engaged in our college experience and best prepared to support their mentees.

8.2 Class Reps

DBS was the first private college to engage with USI to train all of our class reps on the NStEP Programme. This programme was launched in 2016 by the HEA, QQI and USI, and applies the best principles of student engagement to enhance and enrich the College's interactions with our Class Reps. Early in the Academic year, your lecturer will look for a nominated class rep from each class. These will then partake in NStEP training and be invited to sit on the Student Council.

8.3 Student Council

The DBS Student Council welcomes all students appointed or elected to the role of Class Representative, Peer Mentors, Sports Clubs & Society leaders and members of the Students Union. The Council acts as a platform for two-way communication between the college and the student body. Students who represent the Student Council are made aware that they are responsible for collecting feedback from the student body and notifying the college on any specific issues that arise throughout the term.

8.4 Student Entertainment

The Student Experience Team, in conjunction with our Student Union and Societies, organises a full and varied schedule of social and cultural events throughout the year. From Freshers week in September, RAG week, weekly film screenings, cultural excursions and day trips, and the Student Awards in May, there is something for everyone. We also celebrate important cultural and national events such as Holi, Chinese New Year, Eid, St Patrick's Day, 4th July and other National Holidays.

8.5 Social

College life is about much more than just education. Through our broad range of clubs and societies, our students get to enjoy the full student experience, which extends beyond lectures and exams. The DBS Campus is Dublin City Centre, and we use all of the extra-curricular and recreational opportunities that our unique location offers. DBS recognises that clubs and societies are key to enhancing and enriching a student's experience while in college. We, therefore, encourage all of our students to get involved. Besides doing something that they love and enjoy, they will meet new friends with similar

interests, meet fellow students on different programmes, and develop as a person. Whatever the interests, there is a club or society for everyone! For Club and Society Leaders it is an opportunity for personal development and demonstrating key graduate skills to potential employees.

8.6 Societies

All Society Officers take part in a comprehensive training programme which covers areas such as leadership, event management, teamwork and conflict resolution. They feed into a strong support network, led by the Student Experience Team in partnership with Student Union Officers. On successful completion of their tenure, the leaders receive a digital badge which gives official recognition and can be displayed on their LinkedIn profile. The College has over 50 societies across different interests, activity-based, special interests, religions, International and cultural and volunteering and social.

8.7 IT Helpdesk

Support will be provided by the DBS administrative, facilities and IT support services. IT can be contacted for support by logging a ticket on the Online [Service Desk](#).

8.8 DBS Library

Multiple supports can be accessed through the library. To see the range of support classes available, or to book a support class please visit the [library page](#).

Section 9 My Health and Wellbeing

9.1 Counselling Services

DBS offers a free confidential counselling service for all students. This is provided through our counselling partners, MyMind.ie, ensuring confidentiality and a guaranteed appointment with a counsellor within 72 hours. Since COVID-19 these are all provided via on-line and video link services.

In order to access counselling please email the [Student Welfare Officer](#) who will arrange to meet with you and discuss your needs in a sympathetic and confidential manner.

9.2 Disability and Inclusion

DBS have a dedicated Disability and Inclusion Officer who works closely with other areas of the college including Faculty, the Library, and Exams to ensure that any student's special needs are catered for.

The purpose of the Disability Supports Service is to ensure that programmes and facilities are accessible to students with disabilities, long-term medical conditions, and long-term mental health conditions. The Disability Supports Service aims to provide support for these students to assist in their achievement of educational goals. Eligible students should register with the Disability Supports Service to ensure they receive the appropriate assistance during their studies.

We encourage you to register with the [Disability Supports Office](#) as early as possible in order to avail of support and accommodations. We recommend that:

- Students should contact the Disability and Inclusion Officer to make an appointment to discuss their requirements.
- Students must produce a professional assessment of their disability or medical certification of their condition.
- The Disability and Inclusion Officer will put in place the required accommodations.
- Students may liaise with the Disability and Inclusion Officer throughout their time in DBS.

All students who register with the Disability Supports Office are entitled to double the allowance and double the loan period of Library material. Students may also avail of a one-to-one session with the Information Skills Librarian on how to find, evaluate, cite and reference information.

9.3 Student Well-Being Programme

The student Calendar focuses on Health and Welfare early in the College Year, with themed weeks on Mental Well-being, Disability Awareness, and Consent, within the first five weeks of College. These weeks specifically make incoming students aware of the support that they have, both at an institutional and peer level. DBS facilitates regular student well-being and mental health workshops in conjunction with Jigsaw, The National Centre for Youth Mental Health. These are compulsory for all student officers, and club and society officers, and are open to all other students. We also run regular dyslexia workshops which are always excellently attended.

9.4 The Student Engagement and Success Unit

Dublin Business School (DBS) welcomes and supports all new entrants in their transition to third-level education. As part of this commitment, DBS has established a Student Engagement and Success Unit (SESU), which aims to help all new students at DBS transition successfully into Higher Education. Starting the first year of college is a transition in everyone's life. SESU is there to help learners make this transition, so if learners are having difficulty settling into college or simply making a start in their programme, SESU is there to help.

As part of Dublin Business School's SESU, we have a number of student learning supports to offer to both new and continuing students for 2023/24. These include SESU Drop-in sessions – Tea & Talk, SESU Workshops for Numerical Skills, Academic Writing & IT Skills as well as Research skills & referencing delivered by our Award-Winning Library Team. Our Peer Mentor Programme also provides peer support across all programmes throughout the academic year.

There may be times when learners will need support and assistance with their studies or with personal issues and SESU is there to help.

SESU also keeps abreast of developments in the field of student engagement, curriculum design, policy, writing and teaching learning and assessment.

Section 10 Conclusion

We hope you have found the programme handbook helpful. If you have any queries, please contact your Academic Director or Programme Coordinator. Their contact details can be found in Section 1 of this handbook.

Enjoy your time at DBS!